(b) the anticipated shortfall if any, in the traffic earnings of Trivandrum devision due to the formation of this B.C. line?

(i) Outward goods traffic : 31. 45 lakh tonnes

(ii) Inward goods traffic : 11.45 lakh tonnes

(iii) Passenger traffic 50.45 lakh passengers.

(c) Nil.

Link train service between Varanasi and CWiapra

2725. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to start a link train service between Varanasi and Chhapra railway, stations;

(b) whether it is also a fact that passengers are facing problems as there is no proper link express train linking the two towns; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRl MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Varanasi and Chhapra are already connected by 5 pairs of direct Metre Gauge trains.

Establishment of the Sambalpur Railway Division at Sambalpur

2726. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA:

SHRI JAGADISH JANI;

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRl MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The annual traffic potential of the line is estimated to be:

(a) the progress made so far for establishing the Sambalpur Railway division at Sambalpur;

(b) what is the estimated cost thereof; and what are the reasons for delay, if any;

(c) by when the project is likely to be completed;

(d) the year-wise fund so far provided for the purpose; and

(e) whether the land acquisitions work for the project has been completed; if not, the progress made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRl MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) About 14 per cent.

(b) Rs. 450 lakhs. Work is being undertaken in phases, commensurate with availability of funds.

(c) Time of completion will depend upon the availability of funds.